

# GOLGONDA MINE IN RECEIVER'S HANDS

John Vert, for fifteen years the confidential man of the First National bank of Pendleton, has been appointed receiver of the Golconda Consolidated Mining company, by Judge Eakin, and now has charge of the property.

The date on which this appointment was made, The Miner does not know. The creditors of the company the bank mentioned being the largest, with a \$10,000 mortgage; J. A. Howard and others, asked for the receiver a month ago, when they instituted the foreclosure suit in the circuit court, shortly after the federal court enjoined the sale of

the property, on application of Alexander Prussing, of Chicago, representing the minority stockholders, through his attorney in fact, H. T. Heudryx.

It is understood that the creditors wanted J. A. Howard for receiver, but he being one of them, he declined to act and Mr. Vert, representing the Pendleton bank, was named by the court.

Mr. Vert arrived here Saturday and was driven to the mine yesterday by Mr. Howard, who turned it and all the personal property over to him. It is thought the affairs of the company are about to be straightened out; but what the next move will be can only be vaguely surmised.

# LEE S. OVITT'S FAITH IN SUMPTER DISTRICT

Lee S. Ovitt, a nationally famous promoter of western mining enterprises, whose name is as familiar to the advertisement-reading public as that of Douglas, the shoe man, arrived in Sumpter this morning from California, accompanied by W. S. Meyers, a fellow citizen of Chicago. Messrs. Ovitt and Meyers were met at the depot by L. R. Bellman, of Sumpter, bundled into fur overcoats, covered over with fur robes, and driven up the gulch to the Cracker Oregon mine, at Bourne, in which Mr. Meyers is a stockholder, and for which Mr. Ovitt is fiscal agent. The party returned this afternoon, and the visitors departed for the east.

Barring the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, and possibly H. G. Wheeler & Co., of New York, no other fiscal agency in the world has brought more money into the eastern Oregon gold fields than Lee S. Ovitt, of Chicago. He success-

fully financed the California, Cracker Oregon and Crackerjack mines, and sold \$45,000, worth of stock in the Golconda mines. The mere fact of Mr. Ovitt's connection with a western mining proposition is sufficient guarantee of its legitimacy. He by no means confines his ministrations to the Sumpter district, but has irons in the fire in various parts of the west—from Nome to Mexico. However, as he wrote not long ago to The Miner, "I have unbounded confidence in the Sumpter district, and have exploited it in a way which amply verifies that belief."

Mr. Ovitt maintains offices in Milwaukee, Boston, New York, Pittsburg and St. Louis. His main office is in Milwaukee.

Mr. Ovitt stated to a Miner man that he will return to Sumpter in about six weeks, when there will be something doing in connection with his eastern Oregon properties.

## ROUSSEAU'S QUEER IDEAS OF MINES AND MINERS

Among the writings of Jean Jacques Rousseau the following, hitherto unpublished, remarks have been found. The Engineering and Mining Journal translates them as they are quoted in L'Echo des Mines et de la Metallurgie: "The mineral kingdom has nothing about it that is lovable or attractive; its riches, enclosed within the heart of the earth, appears to have been put away from the sight of man in order not to tempt his cupidity; they are placed there as though held in reserve against the exhaustion of that true wealth which is at his very door and which becomes distasteful to him as he becomes corrupted.

"Then he needs must call on industry, toil and trouble, to help him out of his misery; he digs into the innermost earth, he goes searching in

the very center of it, at the risk of his life and at the expense of his health, for imaginary benefit instead of the real benefits which the earth offered to him when he knew how to enjoy them. He flees from the sun and the daylight, which he is no longer worthy to see, he inters himself alive—and in this he does well, for he no longer merits to live in the sunshine. Thereupon, quarries, chasms, forges, furnaces, with their anvils and hammers, with smoke and fire, take the place of sweet pictures of work in the fields.

"The emancipated visages of the unfortunates who languish amid the infected vapors of mines, of ugly blacksmiths, or hideous cyclops, are the spectacle which mining machinery substitutes in the heart of the earth in place of the verdure of flowers, the blue of the sky, the love-making of the shepherds and the charm of healthy labor, all of which are on the surface."

## OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The following instruments were filed at the court house in Baker City for record yesterday:

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

#### DEEDS.

Simeon Foster and wife to Frank Gallagher, undivided  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest in lot "1" block 10, original Cornucopia; \$600.

M. B. Whitehead and wife to Daniel L. Wyatt, lots 6, 7 and 8, block 12, McCurry's revised addition to Baker City; \$300.

A. L. Brown and wife to W. A. Brown, lot 2, S. 8 and N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. 9, T. 13, R. 43, and personal property, \$5,000.

Daniel E. Wyatt and wife to M. B. Whitehead, 213 acres in Pleasant Valley; \$5,000.

Thos B. Moore and wife to Daniel L. Wyatt land in T. 10, R. 41; \$2,000.

Daniel L. Wyatt and wife to Josie Culom, part of the N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , S. 23, T. 10, R. 41; \$75.

Sarah E. Richmond et al to Cleveland Coles, 400 acres in S. 2 and 29, T. 7, R. 39; \$1.

Sarah E. Richmond et al to Walter Coles, W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  and S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , S. 29, T. 1, R. 39; \$1.

Sarah E. Richmond et al to Charles Coles N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  and N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. W., S. 29, T. 7, R. 39; \$1.

Samuel Irwin to Loretta Irwin, 120 acres in S. 5 and 8, T. 8, R. 46; \$500.

Claude Officer and wife to Mrs. F. C. Dawson, two acres in S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. 8, T. 8, R. 46; \$50.

Louis B. Wilkinson to Halvord Jeldnes, her dower of  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest in N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. 20, T. 8, R. 46; \$1.

Edward Wilkinson to Halvord Jeldnes, undivided  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest in N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. 20, T. 8, R. 46; \$525.

Miles Lee and wife to John Steiger, lot, 1 block 7, original Baker City; \$1,000.

Jos. Palmer and wife to Henrie Odank, lots 11, 12 and 13, block 34, Willovale addition to Baker City; \$120.

D. S. Littlefield and Fred Cole to Jas. A. Grant, bond for one year on 150 acres of placer ground; \$10,000.

U. S. to Rose A. Call, W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , S. 6, and N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. 7, T. 10, R. 37.

U. S. to Peter M. P. Howard, S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , S. 14, E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , S. 32, T. 11, R. 39.

U. S. to Lewis A. Alebe, W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  and N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , S. 7, T. 11, R. 36.

U. S. to Samuel Frank Hunt, S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of N.  $\frac{1}{2}$ , S. 14, T. 11, R. 39.

U. S. to Luke Walton, S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. 14, T. 11, R. 39.

U. S. to Frank Davis, S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. 29, T. 11, R. 40.

U. S. to Thomas S. Van Vleet, N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , S. 2), T. 11, R. 39.

U. S. to H. W. Donnally, N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. 20, T. 11, R. 39.

U. S. to Joseph N. Carrol, N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  and E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , S. 32.

U. S. to Vineyard C. Brock, S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  and W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , S. 27, T. 7, R. 39.

Lewis R. Butts to P. Basche, water right, known as Basche Ditch; \$1.

Luzern Gray to A. Corley, 80 acres in S. 29, T. 7, R. 46; \$112.

U. S. to Thos. Burke, N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. 15, T. 7, R. 42.

U. S. to Albert L. Longstreth, S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. 15, T. 7, R. 42.

U. S. to Lawrence Reeves, S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. 15, T. 7, R. 42.

North American Mining company to W. E. Cox, W. D., E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  and S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. 15, T. 7, R. 42; \$2198.

Robert S. Mills to Mrs. Christy A. Mills, S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , S. 30, N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , S. 31, T. 7, R. 46; \$1.

### MINING MATTERS.

#### DEEDS.

Chester A. Pray to C. M. McClaren, "Banker," and "Banker No 2," quartz claims; \$500.

Jackson Knoth to C. E. Knoth,  $\frac{1}{8}$  interest in "Overland" "Snow," "Baker," "Powder" claims; \$1.

U. S. to T. J. Denny, the Excuse Consolidated Quartz Mining claim.

M. L. Olmstead, administrator Thos. J. Denny estate, to Jno. W. Denny, administrator's deed, same; \$330.

Kittle E. Paine to Ira L. Hoffman, her undivided  $\frac{1}{8}$  interest in seven placer claims; \$1.

Loren Byam to Isaac Hiatt, undivided one-fifth interest in "Fir Grove" placer claim; \$1.

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